

## The Gospel is to *Know* the Creator, Part 2<sup>1</sup>

### The Two Witnesses – Creation and the Edah

The good news shows us the way to know our Creator. The gospel has to be heard. Nature teaches us *about* the Creator but you can never reach Him through nature. You can't be reconciled to Him by nature. You can't *know* Him through the creation alone. We have to know the One who can reconcile us to the Creator. *Reconcile* means to make friends with Him. It means there is no hostility between the creature and the Creator. There is a bond of peace, with nothing to disturb it, and we maintain that peace through our Mediator, who is now our Advocate before our Father (1 Jn 2:1). If we don't use that avenue we won't have that peace. There will be all these disturbances.

Psalms 19 – Creation teaches all day long. Day and night it preaches: honey and the bees, the trees, the air, the stars, and even human beings who haven't lost their image of the Creator. Whenever you see something good, it always reflects an aspect of the Creator. When you're in bumper-to-bumper traffic and someone lets you in, something wells up inside of you – "Wow, that was nice!" That is from the Creator. You want to do the same thing to someone else. This holds true even in the world. You know there's a Creator.

But that is not enough. It is enough not to go to the second death, but it is not enough to keep you from going to the first death. Sin has to be paid for. There is no way you can get out of paying the wages of sin, which is death – unless someone pays the wages for you. Our Master paid the wages of sin for us. Those who obey Him will not see death, it says (Jn 8:51).

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us." (Rom 5:8)*

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You can't just know that unless you are told. It isn't revealed through creation alone. Someone has to tell you. They have to explain it to you. You hear it and then faith comes. You have to hear it from someone who has been forgiven and reconciled, who is friends with the Creator and through his spirit he passes it on to you. If you receive the sent one you receive the Savior through the sent one. If you receive the Savior, you receive the Father, as Jn 13:20 says. We have to be shown the way we receive forgiveness. We have to hear it. We have to be shown the way of Jn 3:16. Someone has to tell you. It is like the eunuch said, "*How can I know unless someone shows me?*" (Acts 8:31). He knew he couldn't know unless someone explained it to Him.

What kind of God does nature reveal, that one might want to come to know? Acts 17:26 says we see all the marvelous things and then maybe we might come to know Him. I don't know if it is by chance, but our Father knows those who are willing to do His will.

Some people wonder why the gospel is necessary, if nature reveals everything. But they don't understand and we do understand. We have to show others our Master Yahshua. Then our Master takes them on to the Father, as Jn 14:6 says. No one comes to the Savior except by His priesthood, His witness, the Edah. That is why He has to have a Body here on earth — for Him to be known. You can't know Him, as a matter of fact, by a Freepaper. You can't know Him by a book with words written on pages, which is all the Bible is. His Spirit is not contained there. His Word is contained in breath, something living. The words are there, but the breath of the Spirit has to come to us.

The Edah is the witness of the Master just as your body is the witness of who you are. I know what your spirit is like because I see your eyes, your smile, your body, your work, your actions, and your words. That is what we are like as His Body. The Edah is the light, the witness, and the testimony of who our Master is. We all have to function together.

The creation is the witness of the Creator. The Edah is the personal witness of the One who can bring us to the Creator. We know what the Creator is like through creation, but how do we get rid of the sin we commit? How do we escape the death we are in? Our Father appreciates those who have never heard of His good news, but who recognize Him in creation. He will take care of them, too, but they still have to die for their sins. If they have enough worth left, they can pay for their sins in death. But unless they hear the good news there is no way to reach Him for their sins to be forgiven.

### **Sent ones are absolutely essential to receive the Holy Spirit**

We say, “Abba, Father.” That is how we know we are sons of God, because we cry, “Abba, Father.” His spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts that we are His sons. Paul talks about it in Rom 10:14-17.

*“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Rom 10:14)*

There is absolutely no way. You can’t just be sent on your own. You can’t just learn it in Bible School. That is what it says in Rom 10:14. Then it goes on in Rom 10:15-16 to say,

*“And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!’ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed our report?’”*

You know, therefore, that the gospel has to be obeyed. You have to see it. Faith, our Father’s persuasion, comes by hearing. That is the message of Messiah, the very words of Messiah speaking through a sent one, one worthy to be a vessel of His Holy Spirit in righteousness (Jn 7:18). Anyway, as for our Freepapers, they tell about the way, the truth, and the life, but without hearing a living human being, an earthen vessel, one cannot receive faith. We just have to understand this. If we don’t understand, nothing

will happen. We have to understand why we say we are priests, a holy nation, as Peter spoke of in 1 Pet 2:9-10.

The Holy Spirit can't be received through a freepaper or by the written words of the Bible. He can only be received by someone fulfilling Mt 10:41, Mk 9:37, Lk 10:16, Jn 13:20, Rom 10:17, and Jn 7:17-18. If you are seeking your own glory, you can't pass on our Master's spirit. If we are seeking our own glory, we are not going to be evangelists. Listening to us is then no better than reading a freepaper or the Bible. You can hear something, but you can't receive the Holy Spirit through that person. Do you see Mt 10:41? He has to be *righteous* man, for then you will receive his reward.

Therefore, we have to be that way. We can't be any other way when we are sent out on tours or walking. No deceit or falsehood can be in us. Do you understand those passages of Scripture? One more thing — we must not be ashamed of Him. If we are, He will be ashamed of us. We can't be intimidated by what people think of us because we believe in God.

*“Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim 2:4)*

If you look in the Greek New Testament, you will see another word there. You have come to the “full, accurate, complete knowledge of the truth.”<sup>2</sup> You have to have the complete, accurate gospel, to be sure. He desires everyone to be saved. After you are saved, you have to come to the full, accurate, complete knowledge of the truth. That is going to take living in community, going to the morning and evening minchot, receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all truth (Jn 16:13), bringing back to your remembrance all the truth, the exact truth. We have to come to all truth. We are students, disciples, and learners. The Holy Spirit wants to teach you so that you can be a great learner, a great man in Him.

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<sup>2</sup> *Epignosis* is #1922 in the Strong's Greek Concordance, meaning precise and correct knowledge. It is used in the New Testament as the knowledge of things ethical and divine.

## A Good Example of Assimilation

We have to come to the perfect knowledge of Him. He desires all men to be saved and to come to the perfect, exact knowledge of Him. It is going to take us being wise servants, wise virgins. It will require us to continue to regurgitate. Bahirah didn't hear what Shiphrah had heard, which was something spoken in another gathering. Bahirah didn't hear it until Shiphrah brought it back. That's assimilation. Bahirah learned that our mind is a servant of our soul and spirit. This brings to reality what we do with our minds each day as we live.

Other people have heard it now. Maybe only a few people heard it when Shiphrah said it, but now everyone has heard it. That is how we have to grow up in every aspect, by speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15-16). We are going to speak the truth because we love one another. We could say, "I am going to speak to bring glory upon myself," but we have to reject that thought. We might even say good words, but they won't go anywhere. They don't communicate. Such words don't settle down in you. They don't assimilate.

1 Jn 2:27 — The anointing teaches us all things. We don't need someone from outside to teach us. "When the Holy Spirit comes," our Master said, "He will lead you into all truth" (Jn 14:26). That is so wonderful. What do we need to be the light of the world? We have to come to the full knowledge of the truth if we are going to be the light. We have to come to the *full* knowledge. Christianity gives out a little knowledge, but it is just enough to make the error lethal. The truth at Bible school is only enough to lead you to death, just as Billy Graham gives you enough truth to lead you down the aisle, but his truth doesn't come from someone in whom there is no unrighteousness or deceit. There has to be no unrighteousness or deceit in the sent ones.

Satan is a deceiver, isn't he? What does 2 Cor 11:15 say?

*"Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works."*

They masquerade as ministers of righteousness. That is deceit, falsehood. It is actually Satan's servants who preach another gospel, which doesn't lead you anywhere but the second death. They deceive others into thinking they have eternal life, when they don't. They are not baptized into an environment where they can hear from our Father, hear the truth morning and evening. They do not live where they can serve one another night and day.

A woman came over and said, "I don't know how you could ever live this way. I need my own time, room, and space." Amen! That's how you are supposed to think if you are a Gentile. You might be a Christian, but you haven't passed out of death and into life. We can live together because we have the power of love.

The truth has to be assimilated into His Body. We can't lose our outspokenness (Heb 3:6). We are His Body on earth, where He is, where those who serve Him are honored by our Father (Jn 12:26). We have got to come to the complete knowledge, the whole truth, which is revealed according to Jn 14:21,

*"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."*

The only way we can pass on the Holy Spirit is if we love Him and so obey Him that He can reveal Himself to us. We can't come to the accurate and complete knowledge of the truth unless He reveals and discloses Himself to us. Then, according to Jn 14:23, the Father and Son make their home in us. Then Jn 14:24 says what?

*"He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me."*

There is no possibility — not even one ounce of possibility — of keeping His commandments unless you live in community. We are the most privileged people on earth, but we aren't if we aren't taking advantage of all the opportunities we have to obey Him, to love, to forbear with one another, and to maintain the bond of peace. That is why our Father has established, or set in order, the morning and evening minchot. He

inaugurates it. He does so through the Breaking of Bread. We will never ever miss one morning or evening gathering. If we do, we can pack our bags and go somewhere else. We won't miss one for the rest of our lives. What will we be doing fifty years from now, at just this time, if we live in this house? We will be at the gathering. That is where He meets with us and speaks to us, continually throughout our generations (Ex 29:42). And you are not going to be late if you know that He meets with us. That is why we have a *shofar* and we all come on one impulse. He is going to meet with us and speak to us. He is going to do this through every person as they gather the oil from the First Day Festival. We're going to give what we got all week long.

Everyone hears something a little distinct and they are going to give it to the others. This is how we learn. This is how the Body is formed and the accurate knowledge is assimilated by all of us. Then we won't be lacking anything. The morning and evening sacrifices will begin where we offer our bodies as one sacrifice, as Rom 12:1-2 says. We lift up holy hands without any wrath or dissension. The women will be fully covered, wearing their head coverings because of the angels.

Do you know the angels are here? They know Messiah covers the men. The wife is covered by the husband, and the children by the parents. We are not independent. We belong to one another. Rom 12:1-2 speaks of coming to know His complete will without lacking anything:

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*  
(Rom 12:1-2)

Then He meets with us and speaks to us every morning and evening (Ex 29:42), and what do we do, according to 1 Chr 23:30-31? We stand every morning and evening and give Him thanks and praise. We thank Him every day for speaking to us. Let's learn, before we inaugurate the minchot, what we need to pray for (1 Tim 2:1-8). We don't

pray for our mother and father, etc., the things we can pray for individually (we'd take up the whole gathering), but we pray for the essential things so that we could live in peace. We pray for governments and kings, that all men could be saved. In Mt 6:9 our Master tells us what to pray for. Those are the essential things. How is His name going to be great? Mal 1:11 tell us.

*"For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; in every place incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the nations," says the Sovereign of hosts."*

Mt 6:9-13 talks about what we must pray for if His name is ever to be great and hallowed on earth as it is in heaven. This is His Word. We are saying this in order to establish the minchah. If we don't pray for this we are not obeying His commandments. What if we don't obey His commandments? What does Jn 14:24 tell us? (That we don't love Him.)

These are the most marvelous things I read in the Bible. I didn't know how to do it; all I knew was that He spoke right to me. It is like Jn 15:5, which He spoke to me, "You can do nothing without Me."

Obeying His commandments is what put legs on it, and feet and hands and everything else so that a Body can be formed. He wants a well-functioning body. He doesn't want a deficient body. That's why we have to pay attention. There are only five wise virgins out of ten, because there are five foolish. He can work with five wise, but He can't go with any less. He would like to have a well-functioning body. He would rather have ten wise virgins. They are those who receive and give. They take in and give out. They don't just take in and get fat.

We have to take in and give out. That shows the proper assimilation has taken place. If He wants us to do that, let's give it to Him. All that He teaches must be assimilated into the Body so that every person can do His job, as Eph 4:16 says. I take these Scripture verses seriously; what Paul had to teach the First Church we are re-



learning now. If every person does his or her part, as Col 2:19 says, we will grow with the growth that is from God. Christianity has been growing, but it is not the growth that is from God. To be all that His Body is meant to be, each member must do His part.

This is what is required of us as His disciples. We have partaken of divine nature; when we were baptized, we became one spirit with Him. Your spirit is joined to His, and He tells you what He wants. That is why you can be one with your brothers, because you have the same spirit. That is why children can be obedient to their parents, because they have the same spirit. Tikvah, you're a good example of a wonderful servant.

Hilkiyah — Jn 1:17 — Our Master was full of grace and truth. I was thinking, "That is where we are headed." The Word became flesh (Jn 1:14), and now through the morning and evening minchot, our Father is making the way for that to happen again. His word will become flesh again and His glory will be fully upon a people. They will manifest His glory again and the world will see the glory of the Father. I am so thankful for the vision of where we are heading. I want to be like our Master Yahshua. I am thankful for the hope of being pure, just like He is (1 Jn 3:1-3). I want to be like Him because I love Him. The world is going to see that in people.

Ha-êmeq – I was also thinking of the same verse that Hilkiyah was talking about, "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Messiah Yahshua." (Jn 1:17)

That is how we know what He is like. The creation presents, or reveals the Creator, but there is no way it can reveal what He thinks of us. You are not quite sure, wondering whether the acorn that dropped on your head is what He thinks of you. Yesterday, that boy walked up to us under the weight of wondering what God thought of him. As Yoceph Daniel said, he walked away thinking, "I've seen God. Now I know what God thinks of me." Creation was not enough for him to know. He actually is made known through our Master Yahshua. It takes a community because love is what makes community and God is love. The lack of love destroys community, like not taking out the trash. If you sit over there by yourself, then there is no community. It tears it down. Our Father is like this, saying, "Come here."

I am thankful for what Eliyah went through in that cave. God wasn't in the earthquake or the fire, although He could have been. But then the gentle voice came to Him, and He knew what God was like.

We all have that gentle voice.

Huldah – I was thinking of the same exact story. He wasn't in creation that way. Our Father has always desired to speak to the heart of man. I want to do my part. Sometimes I have seen a child born that needed the breath of life, and I saw, "I have what that child needs."

What if I had the same kind of clarity, the same kind of confidence that I had what a human being needed — the breath of life, the Holy Spirit? If we don't have confidence before our Father, then we are not doing what is pleasing to Him. We don't have confidence because we are being selfish. As soon as the door of our heart is not open, we stop making right choices. I know for sure that I have what a human being needs – if He is in the center of my being. I always want my door to be open. When we are like that, passing on His life to those who need it, then our Master's life will fill the earth.

Huldah is talking about the unshakeable certainty our Master had when He was baptized. That is the unshakeable certainty we need.

I just saw glory upon Hilkiyah when he spoke. How do you define glory? Our Master said, "I have given you the inner worth that demands the respect of others." Glory is the inner worth that demands the respect of others. It demands the respect of our Father and our Master. [Yoneq said this three times.] That is how the Body is formed and that is how it stays together. It keeps us one. There is no way to be in unity otherwise. If our inner worth doesn't demand the respect of others, then we can't be one. Everyone must have that understanding in order for us to be one.

*"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one." (Jn 17:22)*

What happens when you have glory? What happens when you see glory in your brother or sister? It bonds us together. It is the only way we can be one. If our inner worth doesn't demand the respect of others, either we don't have it or the other person doesn't. We won't bond to one another if we don't have it. Our Master had inner worth, didn't He? You can see when someone has it by the love they have, how they forgive others, and their genuineness. You know a tree by its fruit.